

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A filing system for holding a planar object having a planar
2 object dimension, comprising:
- 3 a hanging file folder wherein said hanging file folder has open sides and
4 two permanently fixed hangers, wherein said hangers each have midpoints,
5 wherein said midpoints are separated by a fixed hanger separation length
6 wherein said hanger separation length is less than ~~11 inches~~ half a standard
7 letter sized hanger separation length, wherein said hanging file folder has a
8 hanging file folder length that is slightly smaller than said fixed hanger
9 separation length; and
- 10 a removable protective envelope having a removable protective envelope
11 length, wherein said hanging file folder is sized for holding said removable
12 protective envelope, wherein said hanging file folder length about matches
13 said removable protective envelope length, wherein said removable
14 protective envelope is sized for holding the planar object, and wherein said
15 removable protective envelope length about matches the planar object
16 dimension.
- 1 2. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hanger separation
2 length is in the range of about 1 ½ inches to about 7 inches.
- 1 3. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hanger separation
2 length is in the range from about 5 1/4 inches to about 5 3/4 inches.
- 1 4. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hanging file folder
2 has a vertical dimension less than 8 inches.
- 1 5. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 4, wherein said vertical dimension is
2 in the range from about 4 7/8 inches to about 5 ½ inches.
- 1 6. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 5, wherein said vertical dimension is
2 in the range from about 5 inches to about 5 3/8 inches.
- 1 7. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a
2 ~~protective envelope and a small~~ said planar object, wherein said protective
3 envelope ~~is for holding~~ holds said ~~small~~ planar object within said hanging file
4 folder.

- 1 8. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective envelope
2 is approximately square.
- 1 9. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective envelope
2 has an envelope length of about 5 inches and an envelope width of about 4 7/8
3 inches.
- 1 10. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective envelope
2 has an envelope length, wherein said hanger separation length is longer than said
3 envelope length by an amount in the range from about 1/8 inch to about 2 inches.
- 1 11. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said hanging
2 file folder is for holding a plurality of said ~~small~~ planar objects, each in its own
3 said protective envelope.
- 1 12. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective
2 envelope is for holding only one said ~~small~~ planar object, ~~wherein said small~~
3 ~~planar object may be damaged by scratches fingerprints or dust.~~
- 1 13. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective envelope
2 includes a transparent portion.
- 1 14. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 7, wherein said protective
2 envelope is for holding planar object includes a memory storage device.
- 1 15. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 14, wherein said memory
2 storage device comprises at least one from the group including an optical disk, a
3 compact disk, a digital video disk, or and a magnetic storage disk.
- 1 16. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 14 wherein said hanging file folder
2 further comprises a printed insert piece with information corresponding to said
3 memory storage device.
- 1 17. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hanging file folder
2 further comprises an identifying tab and label.
- 1 18. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a box for
2 holding a plurality of said hanging file folders.
- 1 19. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 18, wherein said box includes a pair
2 of parallel rails for supporting said hangers.

1 20. (Currently amended) A filing system as recited in claim 19, wherein said box has
2 a dimension sufficient for supporting letter or legal sized hanging file folders,
3 wherein said box includes at least four parallel rails for supporting at least two of
4 said hanging file folders in space of a single standard letter or legal sized folder,
5 wherein each said hanging file folder is separately removable.

1 21. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 20, wherein said box includes a
2 retaining bar for locking said hanging file folders in place during transport.

1 22. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 21, wherein said retaining bar
2 includes a pliable material member.

1 23. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 21, wherein said box includes a box
2 cover, wherein said retaining bar is attached to said box cover.

1 24. (Original) A filing system as recited in claim 21, wherein said box includes an
2 elastic member for holding said hanging file folders in place during transport.

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1 27. (Currently amended) A filing system for holding an array of small planar objects
2 having a first dimension and a second dimension perpendicular to said first
3 dimension, said the filing system comprising:

4 a box and hanging file folders, said box including a pair of rails for
5 supporting said hanging file folders, wherein said hanging file folders have
6 having open sides and include hangers that are permanently fixed to said
7 hanging file folders, wherein said hangers have a fixed spacing there
8 between that is no more than 2 inches larger than said first dimension, and
9 wherein said hanging file folders have a vertical dimension that is no more
10 than 2 inches larger than said second dimension, wherein each said
11 hanging file folder is for holding one or more of said small the planar
12 objects; and

13 said a box including a pair of rails for supporting said hanging file folders,
14 wherein said box has a first dimension equal to that for supporting
15 standard letter size hanging file folders or a first dimension equal to that
16 for supporting standard legal sized hanging file folders, wherein said box
17 includes four parallel rails for supporting two of said hanging file folders
18 in space of a single letter or legal sized folder, wherein each said hanging
19 file folder is separately removable.

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1 38. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein the planar object is subject to
2 damage from at least one from the group including scratches and fingerprints,
3 wherein said removable protective envelope provides the planar object with
4 protection from said damage.

1 39. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hanging file folder has a
2 hanging file folder width, said removable protective envelope has a removable
3 protective envelope width, and the planar object has a second planar object
4 dimension, wherein said protective envelope width about matches said second
5 planar object dimension, wherein said hanging folder width about matches said
6 removable protective envelope width.

- 1 40. (New) A filing system, comprising:
 - 2 a hanging file folder wherein said hanging file folder has open sides and
 - 3 two permanently fixed hangers, wherein said hangers each have midpoints,
 - 4 wherein said midpoints are separated by a fixed hanger separation length
 - 5 wherein said hanger separation length is less than half a standard letter
 - 6 sized hanger separation length, wherein said hanging file folder has a
 - 7 hanging file folder length that is slightly smaller than said fixed hanger
 - 8 separation length and wherein said hanging file folder has a hanging file
 - 9 folder vertical dimension; and
 - 10 a removable protective envelope having a removable protective envelope
 - 11 length and a removable protective envelope vertical dimension, wherein
 - 12 said hanging file folder is sized for holding said removable protective
 - 13 envelope, wherein said hanging file folder length about matches said
 - 14 removable protective envelope length and wherein said hanging file folder
 - 15 vertical dimension about matches said removable protective envelope
 - 16 vertical dimension;
 - 17 a planar object having a planar object length and a planar object vertical
 - 18 dimension wherein said removable protective envelope is sized for holding
 - 19 said planar object, wherein said removable protective envelope length
 - 20 about matches said planar object length and wherein said removable
 - 21 protective envelope vertical dimension about matches said planar object
 - 22 vertical dimension.
- 1 41. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 40, wherein said planar object is subject
- 2 to damage from at least one from the group including scratches and fingerprints,
- 3 wherein said removable protective envelope provides the planar object with
- 4 protection from said damage.
- 1 42. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 41, wherein said hanger separation
- 2 length is in the range from about 5 1/4 inches to about 5 3/4 inches and said
- 3 vertical dimension is in the range from about 5 inches to about 5 3/8 inches.
- 1 43. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 42, wherein said protective envelope has
- 2 an envelope length of about 5 inches and an envelope width of about 4 7/8 inches.
- 1 44. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 40, wherein said hanging file folder
- 2 holds a plurality of protective envelopes and wherein said each said protective
- 3 envelope holds at most one said planar object.
- 1 45. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 40, wherein said protective envelope

2 includes a transparent portion.

1 46. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 40, further comprising a box for holding
2 a plurality of said hanging file folders, wherein said box includes a pair of parallel
3 rails for supporting said hangers.

1 47. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 46, wherein said box has a dimension
2 sufficient for supporting letter or legal sized hanging file folders, wherein said box
3 includes at least four parallel rails for supporting at least two rows of said hanging
4 file folders in space of a single row of standard letter or legal sized folders,
5 wherein each said hanging file folder is separately removable.

1 48. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 46, wherein said box includes a system
2 for holding said hanging file folders in place during transport.

3 49. (New) A filing system, comprising:

4 at least four parallel and coplanar rails, wherein said at least four parallel
5 and coplanar rails include in order a first rail, a second rail, a second to last
6 rail, and a last rail, wherein spacing from said first rail to said last rail is
7 equal to standard letter sized rail spacing or standard legal sized rail
8 spacing;

9 a first hanging file folder mounted on said first rail and on said second rail;
10 and

11 a second hanging file folder mounted on said second to last rail and on
12 said last rail.

1 50. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 49, further comprising:

2 a first removable protective envelope, wherein said first hanging file folder
3 holds said first removable protective envelope; and

4 a second removable protective envelope, wherein said second hanging file
5 folder holds said second removable protective envelope.

1 51. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 50, wherein said first hanging file folder
2 includes a plurality of said removable protective envelopes.

1 52. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 50, wherein said first hanging file folder
2 has a dimension about matching a dimension of said first removable protective
3 envelope.

1 53. (New) A filing system as recited in claim 52, further comprising a planar object,
2 wherein said first removable protective envelope has a dimension about matching
3 a dimension of said planar object, and wherein said first removable protective
4 envelope holds said planar object.